Home Going Celebration for

Elder Bruce Edward Darden, Sr.

Sunrise:
October 8, 1949

Sunset:
September 23, 2003

Services: September 29, 2003 11:00am

McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ
1443 Filbert Street Richmond, California

Administrative Assistant John Allen Jennings, Pastor - Officiating

Mr & Mrs Bruce Darden, Sr.

In Loving Remembrance

Bruce Edward Darden entered this life on October 8, 1949 in San Francisco, California to the proud parents, Ernest and Mary Darden.

He obtained his education in the Berkeley and Richmond California School Districts.

After graduating, he accepted employment at the Del Monte Can Company. In the late 1960's he was accepted into the Joint Apprenticeship Program as an Inside Wireman, later receiving his Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship as a Journeyman Electrician. He worked for the IBEW Local 595 from 1969 ~ 1980. He was employed by the City of Richmond from 1980 ~ 1984, Bruce Darden, Sr. was the first black Electrician to be employed in the city of Richmond, California. Bruce was acknowledged as an exceptionally qualified electrician, by many of his peers, and was called upon on numerous occasions to do "special electrician jobs".

Mr. Bruce Edward Darden met and married the Love of his Life, Miss Judith Ann Pierson on September 27, 1970. To this loving union was born one son, Bruce Darden Jr.

Bruce was very active in his church. He was a faithful member of the Choir, Deacon Board, Men's Chorus, and Ministerial Staff. He was also the faithful bus driver for the Junior Choir. He was licensed as a Minister and preached his first message in December of 1997. He was ordained as an Elder in June of 2001. He served as Youth Pastor for four years.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his entrance into God's loving arms, a loving and devoted wife of 33 years, Judith Anne Darden; one son, Bruce Darden, Jr., Daughter-in-law, Shantaa'; two Grandchildren, Tae' Shawn and Bre'Ohne; one brother, Earnest Darden; two sisters, Linda Darden and Denise Palmer; two brother-in-laws, Vernon Taylor (Mildred) and Burnis Pierson; two "adopted" sons, Aaron Davis and Donald Cain; two God Daughters, Demetricia Brock and Britni Foster; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and other family members. He also leaves to mourn, but to meet him in the morning, a Loving Church Family.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude....		
Processional....		
Master of Ceremonies		*Elder Richard Foster*
Invocation		*Elder Samuel Butler*
Scriptures:		
Old Testament	*Psalm 37:1 ~ 8*	*Elder Ronald C. Huey, Sr.*
New Testament	*II Corinthians 4:8~14*	*Elder Dennis W. Braxton, Sr.*
Musical Selection		*Male Chorus*
Expressions	*(2 minutes, please)*	*Family and Friends*
Musical Selection	*"I'll Make It"*	*Choir*
Expressions		
Youth Department		*Sister Deborah Huey*
Women's Department	*Church Mother, Mother Willie Mae Johnson*	
Men's Department	*Chairman of Deacons, Deacon Rufus Robinson*	
Ministerial Staff		*Elder Phil Hollins*
Special Musical Selection		*Minister Bruce Edward Darden, Jr.*

Order of Service, continued

Expressions
- *Greater Richmond District* — *District Missionary, Martha B. Hall*
- *California Northwest Pastors* — *Elder Malachi Hall*
- *California Northwest Superintendents*

Musical Selection — *Male Chorus*

Special Expressions — *Bishop Robert Richard Carr*
Northern California Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Resolutions
- *McGlothen Temple* — *Missionary Brenda Shephard*
- *Greater Richmond District* — *Missionary Victoria Williams*

Cards/Condolences — *Missionary Brenda Shephard*

Obituary — *Sister Belinda Petty*

Sermonic Solo — *Missionary Velma Robinson*

Eulogy — *Administrative Assistant John Allen Jennings, Pastor*

Parting View and Recessional
Wilson and Kratzer Funeral Services

Private Viewing

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive Richmond, California

I will see you again,

and your heart shall rejoice.

Active Pallbearers

Aaron Davis	Donald Cain	Willie Blackmon	Kaleb Sommons
Darius Sommons	Paris Roberts	Eudrago Johnson	Ellis Charles

Honorary Pallbearers

McGlothen Temple Male Chorus

Acknowledgments

Perhaps you sang a song, or came and sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent flowers; if so, we saw them there.
Perhaps you sent comforting words, or helped us pray.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just though of us that day.
Perhaps you prepared some tasty food.
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, right here or afar.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we thank you sincerely ~ whatever the part.

The Family of Elder Bruce Edward Darden, Sr.

The day I was Born, I cried and the World Rejoiced.
The day I went Home, to be with my Lord...I Rejoiced.
But the World Cried.

The Family of Elder Bruce Edward Darden, Sr. invites you to join them in a family repass gathering, in the McGlothen Temple Church Dinning Room, following their return from Rolling Hills Memorial Park.

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